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In re Application of:	)	
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Application No.: 10/538,037	)	Group Art Unit: 2876
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Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of document (1) is enclosed.

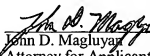
- (1) "Studies on Implementation Method for Encryption Algorithm and Risk Analysis Thereon", by Information-technology Promotion Agency/Information-technology Security Center, issued on February 28, 2003.

A partial English-language translation accompanies document (1), and corresponds to pages 35 to 39 of document (1). In addition, document (1) is discussed in the specification of the subject application and may be deemed relevant for the reasons given therein. The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language document (1) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed partial English-language translation and the discussion provided in the specification. See MPEP 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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